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REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13, 19-21, 27-29, 31, 33-35, 43, 45-47, and 49-61 will be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Interview Summary

In a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 29, 2005, the Examiner stated that the Second Reply After Final was not entered and a communication from the Patent Office has not been mailed as yet. Accordingly, the Examiner suggested that we file a Third Reply After Final by facsimile, canceling claim 48 as discussed in the telephone call and that the application would then be allowed.

Entry of Amendment

It is requested that the amendment be entered, as it places the application in condition for allowance.

Reply to Rejections

First Rejection

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 48, 31, 35 and 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The remaining claims have been amended to eliminate the Examiner's concerns about the wording. Claims 31, 35, and 61 have been amended to conform to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Second Rejection

Claim 48 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Paley et al. (US Patent No. 6,062,381). This rejection is moot as claim 48 has been cancelled.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-4, 7-9, 11, 13, 19-21, 27-29, 43, 45-47, 50-53 as 57-60 stand allowed.

Claims 31, 35, 61 and 33, 34, 54-56 as they now depend on claims in which the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been overcome, these claims are also considered allowable.

Objected to Claim 49

Claim 49 is also considered allowable as it has been rewritten to include all the limitations of original base claim 48, which has been done.

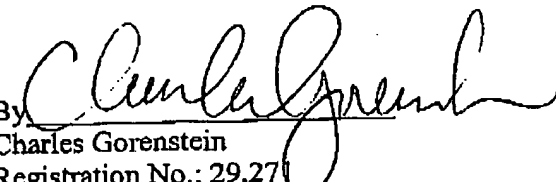
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Elliot A. Goldberg, Registration No. 33,347 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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